

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Tapered Roller Bearings from China Inv. No. 731-TA-344 (Fourth Review)

On October 6, 2017, the Commission determined to conduct a full review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).¹

The Commission received a response to its notice of institution from one domestic interested party, The Timken Company, a U.S. producer of tapered roller bearings (“TRBs”). The Commission found the individual response to be adequate. Because the Commission received a response from an interested party accounting for a substantial share of U.S. production of TRBs in 2016, the Commission unanimously determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received a response to its notice of institution from one respondent interested party, Bosda, Inc., a U.S. importer of TRBs from China. Because Bosda did not account for a substantial share of subject imports of TRBs in 2016, the Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate.

However, in light of issues surrounding the domestic like product definition and certain changes in conditions of competition in the U.S. market, the Commission concluded that conducting a full review was warranted.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website (www.usitc.gov).

¹ Chairman Schmidtlein and Commissioner Williamson voted to conduct an expedited review of the order because they did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review.